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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES THAT U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE COLLECTS MORE THAN IT SPENT IN FISCAL YEAR 2010

INDIANAPOLIS - By keeping a watchful eye on spending, United States Attorney Joseph H. Hogsett today announced that, according to statistics from the Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office collected criminal and civil penalties in the amount of \$10,096,946.32 in fiscal year (FY) 2010, exceeding the office's expenditures by over two million dollars. The office's FY 2010 expenditures totaled \$7,759,200.00. "Frugality allowed this office to bring in more money than it spent. Frugality is precisely what the people of Indiana and the people of this country deserve out of their government," stated Hogsett.

Hogsett emphasized that the millions of dollars collected by his office are used for numerous positive purposes. He said, "The U.S. Attorney's Office is dedicated to protecting the public and recovering funds for the federal treasury and for victims of federal crime. We will continue to hold accountable those who seek to profit from their illegal activities." For example, criminal fines and assessments are deposited into a Federal Crime Victims Fund, which is available to crime victims and the organizations and institutions that assist them, while criminal restitution is paid directly to the victims.

Financial collections by the entire Department of Justice in criminal and civil actions in FY 2010 also reached an all-time high. The ninety-four U.S. Attorneys' offices nation-wide contributed to the collection of \$6.8 billion during the government's fiscal year. This amount is the most successful collection year by the U.S. Attorneys' offices.

The U.S. Attorneys' offices are responsible for enforcing and collecting civil and criminal debts owed to the United States and criminal debts owed to federal crime victims. Statistics from the Department of Justice indicate that the total amount collected in criminal actions totaled \$2.84 billion in restitution, criminal fines, and felony assessments. The law requires defendants to pay restitution to victims of certain federal crimes who have suffered a physical injury or financial loss. While restitution is paid directly to the victim, criminal fines and felony

assessments are paid to the Department's Crime Victims' Fund, which distributes the funds to state victim compensation and victim assistance programs.

Additionally, the U.S. Attorneys' offices contributed to the collection of \$1.8 billion in asset forfeiture actions in FY 2010. Forfeited assets are deposited into either the Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund or the Department of Treasury Forfeiture Fund and are used to restore funds to crime victims and for a variety of law enforcement purposes.

The statistics also indicate that \$3.84 billion was collected in civil actions. The largest civil collections were from affirmative civil enforcement cases, in which the United States recovered government money lost to fraud or other misconduct or collected fines imposed on individuals and/or corporations for violations of federal health, safety, civil rights or environmental laws. In addition, civil debts were collected on behalf of several federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Internal Revenue Service, and Small Business Administration.

The nationwide collection totals for FY 2010 represent nearly a 30% increase in criminal collections and 57% increase in civil collections over FY 2009. In FY 2009, the U.S. Attorneys' offices contributed to the collection of more than \$4.6 billion. Of the amount collected, \$2.23 billion was collected criminally and \$2.44 billion was collected civilly. The significant increase in collections was due to various large criminal restitution cases as well as large health care fraud cases.

For further information, the United States Attorneys' Annual Statistical Reports through FY 2009 can be found on the internet at http://www.justice.gov/usao/reading_room/foiamanuals.html.

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